

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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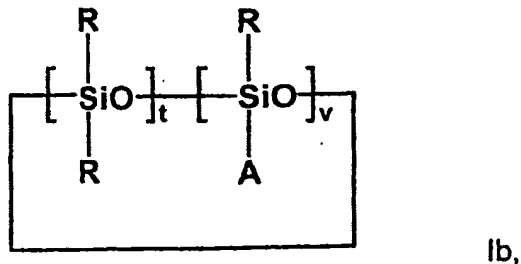
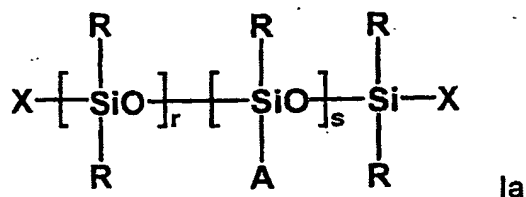
Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A light ~~Light~~ protecting composition comprising

- a) at least one polysiloxane-based UV filter,
- b) at least one additional UV filter which chromophore contains appropriate bulky (sterically demanding) substituents,
- c) a carrier for the components a), b) and d), and optionally
- d) additional UV filter(s)

with the proviso that 4,4',4''-(1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triyltriimino)-tris-benzoic-acid-tris(2-ethyihexylester) is not present in the composition.

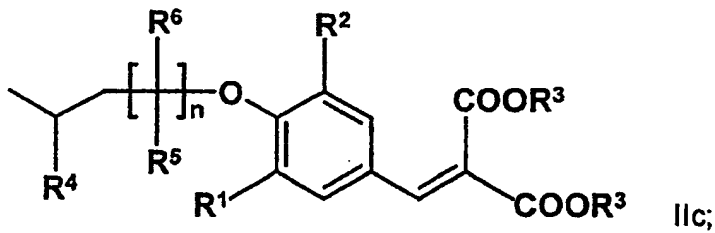
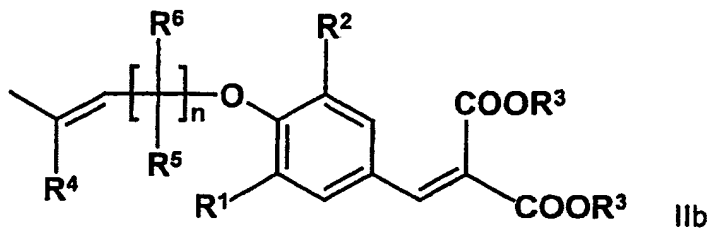
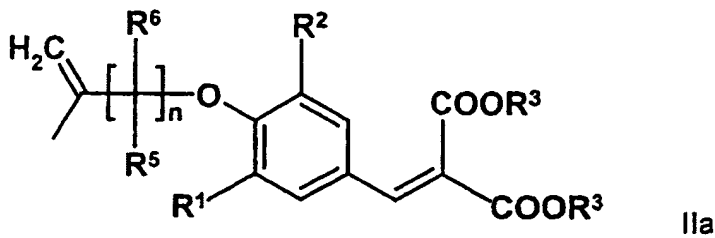
2. (Currently amended): A light ~~Light~~ protecting composition according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 and 2~~, wherein the polysiloxane-based UV filter is a compound according to formula Ia or Ib:



wherein

X is R or A;

A is selected from formula IIa, IIb or IIc:



R is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl or phenyl;

R¹ and R² are each independently hydrogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₆-alkyl or C₁₋₆-alkoxy;

R^3 is C₁₋₆-alkyl;

R^4 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆-alkyl;

r is from 0 to 250;

s is from 0 to 20;

$r + s$ is at least 3;

t is from 0 to 10;

v is from 0 to 10;

v + t is at least 3; and

n is from 1 to 6;

with the proviso that when s is 0, at least one X is A.

3. (Currently amended): A light ~~Light~~ protecting composition according to claim 2 ~~[[3]]~~, wherein

X is methyl,

A is a group of the formula IIa or IIb,

R is methyl,

R¹ and R² are each hydrogen,

R³ is ethyl,

R⁴ is hydrogen,

R⁵ and R⁶ are hydrogen,

r is a statistical mean value of about 60,

s is a statistical mean value of about 4 and

n is 1.

4. (Currently amended): A light ~~Light~~ protecting composition ~~[[s]]~~ according to claim 1 ~~[[3]]~~ where the bulky (sterically demanding) substituents of the UV filter(s) are diethylamino, t-butyl, 1,1,3,3-dimethylbutyl, camphor or silyl residues such as 2-methyl-3-[1,3,3,3-tetramethyl-1-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]disiloxanyl]propyl- or 4-tris(trimethylsilyloxysilyl)propyloxy).

5. (Currently amended): A light ~~Light~~ protecting composition according to claim 1 ~~[[any of claims 1-4]]~~ wherein the UV filter(s) containing bulky substituents are selected

from the group consisting of 2-(4-Diethylamino-2-hydroxy-benzoyl)-benzoic acid hexylester, 4-methyl benzylidene champhor, 3-benzylidenecamphor, butyl methoxydibenzoylmethane, homosalate, benzylidenecamphor sulfonic acid, methylene bis-benzotriazo tetramethylbutylphenol and ~~[[or]]~~ drometrizole trisiloxane.

6. (Currently amended): A light ~~Light~~ protecting composition according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-5~~ wherein the additional UV filter(s) d) are selected from the group consisting of phenylbenz-imidazole sulfonic acid, disodium phenyl dibenzimidazole tetrasulfonate, benzophenone-3, ~~and/or~~ benzophenone-4, TiO₂ and ZnO.

7. (Currently amended): A light ~~Light~~ protecting composition according to claim 1 wherein the sum-amount of all UV filters a) is lower or equal to the sum-amount of all UV filters b) and d).

8. (Currently amended): A method ~~Method~~ to increase the ratio of the ~~sunprotecting~~ sun-protecting factor to the total UV filter amount in a light protecting composition, the method comprising

a) the addition of a polysiloxane-based UV filter in order to reduce the amount of a UV filter which is liquid at room temperature (25°C) by which the total UV filter amount will be reduced, and

b) the addition of UV filter(s) containing bulky groups and, and optionally

c) the addition of UV filter(s) which are not liquid at room temperature (25°C) in order to increase the sunprotecting factor of the light protecting composition.

9. (Currently amended): A method ~~Method~~ according to claim 8, wherein the UV filter which is liquid at room temperature (25°C) is selected from the group consisting of octocrylene, ethylhexyl methoxycinnamate, PEG-25 PABA, isoamyl p-methoxycinnamate and octyl dimethyl PABA.

10. (Currently amended): A method ~~Method~~ according to claim 8 ~~any of claims 8 to 9~~, wherein the UV filter(s) containing bulky substituents are selected from the group consisting of 2-(4-Diethylamino-2-hydroxybenzoyl)-benzoic acid hexylester, 4-methyl benzylidene champhor, 3-benzylidenecamphor, butyl methoxydibenzoylmethane, homosalate, benzylidenecamphor sulfonic acid, methylene bis-benzotriazo tetramethylbutylphenol and ~~[[or]]~~ drometrizole trisiloxane.

11. (Currently amended): A method ~~Method~~ according to claim 8 ~~any of claims 8 to 10~~, wherein the UV filter(s) which is not liquid at room temperature (25°C) is selected from the group consisting of ~~of[[,]]~~ phenylbenzimidazole sulfonic acid, disodium phenyl dibenzimidazole, tetrasulfonate ethylhexy triazone, diethylhexyl butamido triazone, bis-ethylhexyloxyphenol methoxyphenyl triazine, benzophenone-3, ~~and/or~~ benzophenone-4, TiO₂ and ZnO.